Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1.   1 (Currently Amended). A computer implemented method for the formation of

2.   dynamic alliances between vendors with complementary capabilities to jointly

3.   pursue specific market opportunities comprising the steps of:

4.   maintaining a database storing registered vendor capabilities;

5.   receiving a request for proposal from a customer;

6.   translating the request for proposal into demanded capabilities;

7.   accessing said database and ~~matching~~ comparing the demanded

8.   capabilities with registered vendor capabilities;

9.   ~~generating a plurality of sets of~~ identifying vendors ~~which meet~~ whose

10.   capabilities match with the demanded capabilities in a plurality of sets of

11.   vendors;

12.   ~~accepting from~~ identifying ~~registered~~ vendors ~~not having all demanded~~

13.   whose capabilities do not match with the demanded capabilities;

14.   ~~a coalition of vendors which meet demanded capabilities, said~~

15.   ~~coalition of vendors being formed through creation of sub-requests by~~

16.   dividing the request for proposal into a plurality of sub-requests to be

17.   responded to by ~~other~~ identified vendors whose capabilities do not match with

18.   the demanded capabilities with no restriction on a number of levels of such

19.   divisions, wherein each of the plurality of sub-requests correspond to a

20.   corresponding demanded capability;

21.   identifying vendors having vendor capabilities corresponding to the

22.   plurality of sub-requests by comparing the vendor capabilities from a database

23.   to the demanded capabilities corresponding to the plurality of sub-requests;

24.   identifying coalitions of vendors which collectively meet demanded

25.   capabilities using the identified vendors;

26	~~thereby~~ creating a request for proposal tree having coalition
27	alternatives at each level of the request for proposal tree <u>based upon the</u>
28	<u>identified vendors in said coalition alternatives;</u>
29	selecting a preferred coalition from <u>the</u> coalition alternates at each
30	level of the request for proposal tree to respond to the request for proposal;
31	and
32	<u>generating a proposal corresponding to the request for proposal by</u>
33	aggregating coalitions at all levels in the request for proposal tree <u>in</u>
34	<u>combination with the plurality of sets of vendors</u> to respond to the request for
35	proposal.

2 (Canceled).

3 (Canceled).

1	4 (Currently Amended). A system for the formation of dynamic alliances
2	between vendors with complementary capabilities to jointly pursue specific
3	market opportunities comprising:
4	means for receiving a request for proposal from a customer;
5	means for translating the request for proposal into demanded
6	capabilities;
7	a database storing registered vendor capabilities;
8	means for accessing said database and ~~matching~~ <u>comparing</u> demanded
9	capabilities with registered vendor capabilities <u>and identifying</u> ~~to generate~~ a
10	plurality of sets of vendors ~~which meet the~~ <u>whose capabilities match</u>
11	demanded capabilities<u>, said means further identifying vendors whose</u>
12	<u>capabilities do not match with the demanded capabilities;</u>
13	~~input~~ means for ~~accepting from registered vendors not having all~~
14	~~demanded capabilities a coalition of vendors which meet demanded~~

15   ~~capabilities, said coalition of vendors being formed through creation of sub-~~

16   ~~requests by~~ dividing the request for proposal into a plurality of sub-requests to

17   be responded to by ~~other~~ <u>the identified</u> vendors <u>whose capabilities do not</u>

18   <u>match with the demanded capabilities</u> with no restriction on a number of

19   levels of such divisions<u>, wherein each of the plurality of sub-requests</u>

20   <u>correspond to a corresponding demanded capability</u>;

21   <u>said means for accessing and comparing further identifying vendor</u>

22   <u>capabilities corresponding to the plurality of sub-requests by comparing the</u>

23   <u>vendor capabilities from a data base to the demanded capabilities</u>

24   <u>corresponding to the plurality of sub-requests and identifying coalitions of</u>

25   <u>vendors which collectively meet demanded capabilities using the identified</u>

26   <u>vendors</u>;

27   ~~thereby~~ <u>means for</u> creating a request for proposal tree having coalition

28   alternatives at each level of the request for proposal tree <u>based upon the</u>

29   <u>identified vendors in said coalition alternatives</u>;

30   means for selecting a preferred coalition from <u>the</u> coalition ~~alternates~~

31   <u>alternatives</u> at each level of the request for proposal tree to respond to the

32   request for proposal at that level; and

33   means <u>for generating a proposal corresponding to the request for</u>

34   <u>proposal by</u> ~~for~~ aggregating coalitions at all levels in the request for proposal

35   tree <u>in combination with the plurality of sets of vendors</u> to respond to the

36   request for proposal.

    5 (Canceled).

1   6 (Previously Presented). The system recited in claim 4, further comprising

2   means for establishing access control privileges to coalition members of a

3   coalition, the access control privileges applying to sharing of common

4   resources and services available to the coalition.

1   7 (Previously Presented). The system recited in claim 4, wherein the means for

2   selecting selects members from vendors in the database and from coalitions

3   formed by vendors in the database with other vendors not in the database.

1   8 (Previously Presented). The system recited in claim 4, further comprising

2   means for providing common services to members of a coalition.

1   9 (Previously Presented). The method recited in claim 1, further comprising

2   the step of establishing access control privileges to coalition members of a

3   coalition, the access control privileges applying to sharing of common

4   resources and services available to the coalition.

1   10 (Previously Presented). The method recited in claim 1, wherein the step of

2   selecting selects members from vendors in a database and from coalitions

3   formed by vendors in the database with other vendors not in the database.

1   11 (Previously Presented). The method recited in claim 1, further comprising

2   the step of providing common services to members of a coalition.